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SUBJECT: LIMITED REPATRIATION OF BENGALLEES

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THE FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION ISLAMABAD PRIORITY FROM AMCONSUL
KARACHI ON 03 JUL 73 REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION/ INFO:

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1. KARACHI ICRC REPRESENTATIVES EVENING OF JULY 2 SAID
THAT 150 OF 450 BENGALLEES TO BE REPATRIATED (REFTEL)
HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED AT PERMANENT HAJI CAMP OFF QUEEN' S
ROAD IN KARACHI. ACCORDING TO ICRC OFFICIALS, MORE THAN
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300, BUT LESS THAN 400, OF REPATRIATEES, INCLUDING ALL REMAINING IDENTIFIED BENGALIEE SEAMEN, WILL BE FROM KARACHI AREA. MOVEMENT OF THESE PERSONS DEPENDENT UPON UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) REPRESENTATIVES' COMPLETION OF CHARTER AIRCRAFT ARRANGEMENTS. OFFICIALS ESTIMATED THAT 3 OR 4 FLIGHTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO EFFECT REPATRIATION AND STATED FLIGHTS WOULD BE DIRECT TO DACCA. WHEN ASKED IF RETURN FLIGHTS FROM DACCA WOULD BE EMPTY, THE REPLY WAS INDEFINITE SUGGESTING THIS ISSUE IS POSSIBLY SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION. IMPRESSION GAINED WAS THAT ICRC REPS HARBORED SOME CONCERN THAT, IF FLIGHTS WERE NOT RPT NOT TO RETURN TO KARACHI EMPTY, TIMETABLE OF PROPOSED REPATRIATION MIGHT BE DELAYED.

2. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION LOCAL SWISS IN CHARGE OF INDIAN INTEREST SECTION KARACHI REQUESTED ICRC REPS TO SEEK PERMISSION TO VISIT 20 INDIAN NATIONALS DETAINED IN HYDERABAD CENTRAL JAIL AND 16 IN KARACHI CENTRAL JAIL. INDIAN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVE HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO VISIT THESE PERSONS, DETAINED SINCE FEBRUARY, BUT THUS FAR HAS NOT RECEIVED PERMISSION AND EXPRESSED HOPE PARAL-

LEL ICRC REQUEST WOULD ASSIST IN ELICITING GOVERNMENT PERMISSION.

3. KARACHI PRESS JULY 3 FEATURED PROMINENTLY NEW DELHI DATELINE STORY THAT INDIA AND BD HAVE DECIDED TO RELEASE ANOTHER 440 PAKISTANI PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIANS ON MEDICAL GROUNDS. THIS GROUP EXPECTED TO BE REPATRIATED THROUGH WAGAH ON JULY 11.
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